

Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2006

City Center Advisory Commission

CCAC Members Present: Jim Andrews, Carolyn Barkley, Gretchen Buehner, Alexander Craghead (Alternate), Suzanne Gallagher, Alice Ellis Gaut, Marland Henderson, Mike Marr

CCAC Members Absent: Ralph Hughes, Judy Munro, Roger Pothoff, Mike Stevenson, Carl Switzer, Lily Lilly

Others Present: Sue Wirick, Lisa Olsen, Brian Wegener

Staff Present: Phil Nachbar, Gus Duenas

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mike Marr called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35PM.

2. Approve Minutes

Minutes from the February 23, 2006 meeting were approved with the following amendments – the spelling of Trish Stormant was corrected from Dormant to Stormant. Also, referring to page 1, item 3, regarding the Streetscape update... in the first paragraph, Mike's comment regarding the 2 lane road, was pertaining to Main St. - not Burnham.

Phil provided an update regarding Hall & 99W design modifications. He indicated that the City met with Washington County, ODOT, and W&H Pacific for their first meeting.

3. Burnham St Design Options

Burnham St. design options were discussed. A Powerpoint presentation was made by Gus Duenas and Phil. Phil encouraged the committee to make specific recommendations to Council with regard to the Burnham St. design options. The following options were presented:

- Option 1: Three lanes (Main St. to Hall), medians (Main to Hall), bike lanes (Ash St. to Hall only), parking (Main St. to Ash St.)
- Option 2: Three lanes (Hall to Ash St.), two lanes (Ash St. to Main St.), medians (Ash St. to Hall), parking (Main St. to Hall), bike lanes (none).

Brian Wegener of Tualatin River Keepers, commented on the potential problem of shared bicycle trails and pedestrian trails. The group was not in favor of putting bike lanes on Burnham St. and suggested other options, including Commercial St. and the use of the Rail ROW, which will be abandoned as part of the Commuter Rail Project.

Gus suggested making provisions for parking on Burnham St. now, rather than later. He commented that if you allow the street to be wide enough to put the parking in, and you want to later change to bike lanes, you have the room. He noted that you don't want to have to expand it and suggested that it would be easier to go from

parking to bike lanes as opposed to going from bike lanes, and later widening to accommodate parking.

The following issues were voted on, and the results of that vote are as follows:

- 74' Row maximum flexibility Main St. to Hall **passed.**
- Medians (as appropriate) between Hall and Main St. **did not pass.**
- Medians (as appropriate) between Ash St. and Hall **passed.**
- Main St. to Hall – parking on both sides **passed.**
- No bike lanes between Main St. and Hall. **Passed.**

Gus noted that without TIF funding for Burnham St., it would take up to 5 years to construct it, and having to use the Gas Tax alone would impact other CIP projects.

The question was raised about who makes the determination of whether the second access to the commuter rail parking lot (from Burnham St.) will be done. Gus indicated that the issue was the City of Tigard's, and that it is part of the submitted CIP Budget for FY 06-07 to provide for that access.

4. Main St. Traffic Safety Improvement

A Powerpoint showing the intersections on Main St. was presented. The group identified the following safety concerns:

- Burnham & Main St. intersection: The need for overhead lighting was mentioned. Every intersection needs lighting. Flashing red lights were recommended.
- Tigard St. & Main St. intersection: The idea of adding a stop sign was suggested. Tri-Met is recommending a traffic light at Tigard St. in conjunction with the commuter rail. Lighting is also an issue here. Another option was presented in the form of a flashing pedestrian crossing light.
- Scoffins St. & Main St. intersection: There was discussion about the parking space in front of the "Bead Store." The problem is that merging with traffic is difficult there. Gus D. is to investigate and provide a potential solution.
- Commercial St. & Main St. intersection: Lighting was mentioned. A suggestion to relocate the crosswalk to the south side was made.

The "Rail to Trail" idea along the to be abandoned RR ROW was mentioned by Phil. He indicated that the City is pursuing this and has already talked to the owner of industrial property along Tigard Street adjacent to the RR ROW. Ned McCall, the property owner, is interested in working with the City to cooperatively make this happen. The Rail Corridor could potentially go from Hall Blvd, through Downtown along Tigard St. to Tiedemann St.

5. Developer Meetings

Discussion about a meeting with developers took place. The group decided to postpone meeting until after the May ballot measure. Sue Gallagher suggested a reception and then a question and answer session. It was agreed to schedule the meeting after the ballot measure on May 16th.

6. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Review

Mike suggested the need to review the bike master plan and consider whether there's a need to revise the TSP for downtown accordingly.

7. Other Business / Announcements

For next meeting (date to be determined) – key issues are:

- Fanno Creek master plan.
- Budget and specific safety improvements for Main Street.
- “Brand Tigard” visual enhancements (Main Street.)
- Downtown Implementation Strategy